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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 5 VICTORIAN EXPERIENCE DAY & VISIT TO GRESSENHALL, DEREHAM TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER & THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER

As part of our Vile Victorians topic, we are delighted to have arranged the following two activities;

Victorian experience day in school on Tuesday 31st October 2023

On this day, we intend to travel back in time to give the children an immersive experience of a typical Victorian school day, investigate our own environment by looking at primary and secondary sources for clues and evidence of our Victorian past and examine Bourne Abbey's school log book from this period.

To help bring the day to life, we would like to encourage the children to dress in a Victorian costume. The costume can be very simple such as trousers, long socks, a shirt and cap for boys and a long dark coloured dress or skirt and a pinny/shawl for the girls. We have attached some suggested ideas at the end of this letter. It does not need to be a purchased costume. If you have any questions or would like any ideas for a costume then please don't hesitate to see your child's class teacher.

Visit to Gressenhall, Dereham on Thursday 16th November 2023

During this visit the children will find out about life in a Victorian workhouse, Victorian kitchen and washhouse, experience a Victorian school lesson and work in the fields. They will gain a fascinating insight into life in Victorian times through a varied learning programme delivered in a unique and atmospheric setting. Pupils will travel back in time and enter the workhouse as Victorian paupers and will be immersed in a role-play experience. They will also meet characters from the workhouse and classroom and experience the strict routines.

To help make our Victorian visit more authentic, and to enhance and bring to life the whole experience of life in the Victorian ages, we would like to encourage the children to dress in the Victorian costume they plan to wear for our Victorian experience day.

Children should arrive at school no later than **7.30 a.m.** as the coach will leave by 7.45 a.m. We will be travelling with our peers from Colsterworth, and we aim to return to school for **4.25 p.m.** Please check ParentMail for any updates.

The children will need to bring with them a packed lunch and plenty of drinks for the day. Please also ensure that they bring with them a coat and appropriate footwear for walking onto a field.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £21.80 per child towards the cost of the visit. Please be aware that as a school we cannot go ahead if we run the risk of making a loss and this visit will not therefore go ahead without sufficient support. When deciding whether or not to run such an event, consideration has been given to the increased pressure on family finances due to the current economic climate. Please do let us know if you require any additional support in this respect by emailing BEP.enquiries@abbeyacademies.co.uk Payment should be made by ParentMail +Pay **Monday 13th November**.

We are all looking forward to a great day.

Yours sincerely

Miss Hornsby
Class teacher

Girls

- Bonnet, scarf or straw hat
- Hair worn loose or in plaits
- Hair tied with ribbons
- Plain knee or calf length dress (or a skirt and top)
- Plain white apron
- Shawl or wide scarf drawn over head or shoulders
- Long socks or thick, plain tights
- Stout dark shoes or boots



Boys

- Flat cap
- Handkerchief or scarf tied at neck
- Old shirt with collar cut off or tucked inside
- Trousers tucked into long socks, grey/black 'school' shorts or cut down old school trousers
- Button up waistcoat
- Long socks
- Stout dark shoes or boots